Macdonald, Dr. Geo.

[Edinburgh, Scotland], 1919-1927

July 30, 1919.

George Macdonald, Esq., C. B., LL. D.,
11 Learmonth Gardens,
Edinborough, England.

Dear Sir:-

May I presume upon your courtesy to ask that you send me casts of certain of the Metapontum Staters in the Hunterian collection when you are next in Glasgow? I am attempting an arrangement of the Metapontum series and a number of the pieces at Glasgow are of such importance that I can hardly do without casts of them.. I am sorry that there are twenty coins on the accompanying list and if I can in some way repay your kindness by securing for you casts of pieces in our own collection, or in private collections to which we have access, it would make me very happy..

Very respectfully yours,

(Enclosure.)

Secretary..

Staters of Metapontum in the Hunterian Collection
of which casts are desired for the
American Numismatic Society.

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March 27th, 1920.

George MacDonald, LL.D.,
17 Learmounth Gardens,
Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dear Dr. MacDonald:-

I was very much interested in the reprint from the Proceedings of the British Academy on "The Silver Coinage of Crete", which you so kindly sent us as a gift, and for which I beg that you will accept our cordial thanks.

It occured to me that you might care to have casts of four of the Cretean coins which are in the Morgan Collection (at present loaned to us). These I am sending you under separate cover. The weights are as follows:-

Itanus
Gortyna
Phaestus
Gnossus

If these provide any additional points of interest for you I shall be very happy.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

January 16th, 1921

Dr. George Macdonald
17 Learmouth Gardens
Edinburgh, Scotland

Dear Dr. Macdonald:

It gives me especial pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Council of the American Numismatic Society, held on January 14th, you were elected an Honorary Member of this Society.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a pamphlet entitled 'Coin Hoards' written by me, and I am availing myself of this opportunity to express my indebtedness to your valuable lecture on Coin Finds which, as you will readily see, has been part of my inspiration.

There is a prospect that I may be in Glasgow early in the coming May - probably May 3rd or 4th, if my steamer arrives on time. May I ask for information as to the possibility of my being able to see the Hunterian Collection; I would be very sorry not to see it.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SAH/E

December 16th, 1921

Dr. George Macdonald
17 Learmonth Gardens
Edinburgh, Scotland

Dear Dr. Macdonald:

When I returned from my trip to Europe, I was informed that some of the wax which I had promised you had been sent to you. I only recently learned, however, that the quantity sent was a small one and I am sending under separate cover another lot. We obtained a new supply shortly after I returned, but found that it contained sulphur and have been experimenting in the hope of discovering some which was without that handicap. There is, however, no risk to the coin if you plentifully dust the wax with powdered chalk before making the impression, and do not allow the coin to remain in the wax any undue length of time. If we do find other wax which contains less sulphur, I will bear you in mind and see that you get some of it.

I would take this opportunity of acknowledging on Mr. Newell's behalf receipt of the four boxes of casts recently sent by you. They arrived in good condition and will await his return. He has written us from London stating that he was leaving for Paris on December 5th, going thence to Egypt if his plans did not miscarry. He expects to return via England in the Spring and it is just possible he may see you then.

I think back with the greatest pleasure to the kindliness of your hospitality when I was in Edinburgh. Will you kindly convey my cordial greetings and Christmas wishes to the other members of your family, and accept them on your own behalf.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPM/E

January 22nd, 1925

Dr. George Macdonald
17 Learmonth Gardens
Edinburgh, Scotland

Dear Dr. Macdonald:

One of our members has been asking whether it would be possible to obtain a cast of the medal described by Mr. Young, formerly in charge of the Hunterian Collection, in the Numismatic Chronicle, 1889, p.75, No.3 - the medal of San Gallo.

On account of the size of this, it would probably be very difficult for you to have an impression and a cast made; but if it would not greatly inconvenience you, might I ask that you have one prepared when next you are in Glasgow.

The cast is desired for reproduction in a volume devoted to medals relating to architects; and if the cast is not feasible, I believe a good photograph might suffice; and if you could have one taken at our expense, that would be an alternative which would probably meets the needs of the situation.

I often think of your kindness to me when I was privileged to visit the Hunterian Cabinet.

I have been working on the hoard of Mende coins, of which M. Babelon wrote just before he died, but it progresses slowly.

Would you kindly say that I asked to be remembered to your family.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

February 14th, 1925

Dr. George Macdonald
17 LearmonthGardens
Edinburgh, England

Dear Dr. Macdonald:

Thank you for your post card, and for the prints which came from Mr. Hill in the same mail. I am writing to thank him also. These will admirably meet the needs of Mr. Eidlitz who wishes to reproduce them in his book on medals of architects.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

July 7, 1925

Dr. George Macdonald
17 Learmonth Gardens
Edinburgh
Scotland

Dear Dr. Macdonald:

Under separate cover you will receive a copy of the Bibliography of Greek Coin Hoards, in which you will perceive a further indirect result of the influence of the paper which you prepared and read before the Society of Antiquaries so many years ago.

I hope that the publication will prove useful to you.

Very respectfully yours

SPN C

Secretary

December 11th, 1925

George Macdonald, Esq., C.B., LL.D.
17 Learmonth Gardens
Edinburgh, Scotland

Dear Dr. Macdonald:

It gives me particular pleasure to inform you that at the meeting of the Council of the American Numismatic Society, which was held today, the eighth award of the Huntington Medal was bestowed upon you in recognition of your great services to the science of numismatics.

The presentation of this medal will be made at the Annual Meeting of the Society, which is to take place on Saturday, January 9th, 1926. May we look forward to the pleasure of having you with us on that day? If we are to be disappointed in this hope, might we have some expression from you instead, which could be read on that occasion?

We are all very much gratified that you were selected as the recipient of this medal, and beg to congratulate you.

Very truly yours,

Edward T. Newell

President

22 Dec., 1925

Dear Mr Newell,

Your letter of Dec. 11th which reached me this morning, has come upon me as a complete and most gratifying surprise. I can assure you that I appreciate more highly than I can well say the honour of being singled out for this distinction & a share in the standing and reputation which you so generously enjoy.

Will you convey my very warmest thanks to the

Council? Their action will be a real encouragement to me. At the same time I shall always look on it as imposing an obligation. The feeling that I must strive to prove myself worthy of the award will be a constant stimulus in my future work.

I am sorry it had been impossible for me to present an "Imp. Gal." But it is quite impracticable for me to be absent from duty at this season.

I must conclude myself

with this written ex-
pression of my gratitude.
May I add that the
pleasure which the news
of the Circuit's decision
has given me has been
very materially enhanced
by the calmness & kind
words in which it has
been conveyed!

Yours sincerely

(Mrs: Maria)

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Dear Mr Noe.

It was my pleasant
duty to hear from Capain
and daddy so received
the contents of Jours
letter. The needles
arrived safely: I found
it awaiting me on
my return to London
this morning. I
know how long the
honour is due for

influence of Mr Nasell's.
I am very grateful to
Jas Goth.

My household join
me in kindest regards.
Pray remember [illegible]
visit well.

I am my Dear
Geo: Macdonald

February 2nd, 1926

Dr. George Macdonald
17 Learmonth Gardens
Edinburgh, Scotland

Dear Dr. Macdonald:

There is hardly anyone to whom it would give me greater pleasure to send the Huntington medal of our Society than to yourself.

At the Annual Meeting your letter was read, and we all had a great deal of satisfaction in thinking of your name being added to the roster of those who had received this award.

It hardly seems possible that five years could have passed since I had the pleasure of greeting you in Glasgow and experiencing your hospitality in your home.

I hope that your other duties have not prevented your giving some attention to your numismatic interests, and that we shall have something from your pen before a great while.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

August 12, 1927

Dr. George Macdonald,
17 Learmonth Gardens,
Edinburgh, Scotland

Dear Dr. Macdonald:-

When you are again in Glasgow, will you be so good as to make for us sealing wax impressions of the Eusinetos decadrachms in the Hunterian collection. I think there are not more than four and there is no especial urgency. We are planning a study of these pieces and intend, if possible, to illustrate every one of which we can obtain a record. Because thedies are so close, it is necessary to have the casts. I trust our request will not cause you undue inconvenience.

With appreciation for past favors, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

Galt, Miss M J

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